

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 803

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. R. Michael Browder
on being named recipient of the 2010 Ned R.
McWherter Leadership Award.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. R. Michael "Mike" Browder, Chief Executive Officer of Bristol Tennessee Essential Services (BTES), is one such estimable person who has served with dedication and probity in the field of electrical and telecommunications services; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Browder is an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who has worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; his outstanding abilities are being recognized in the form of his selection as recipient of the 2010 Ned R. McWherter Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence (TNCPE) annually recognizes one individual each year who exemplifies outstanding leadership in pursuit of performance excellence, is dedicated to the principles of excellence, has furthered performance improvement beyond his organization, and is committed to the core values of the Center; and

WHEREAS, the award is named for former Tennessee Governor Ned McWherter, under whom the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence was created in 1993; and

WHEREAS, a public-private partnership, the Center's program is based on the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and was established as an economic development tool to stimulate Tennessee business and industry; and

WHEREAS, an early supporter of the seventeen-year-old Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence, Dr. Browder served for a decade as a member of the executive committee and as chairman from 2003 through 2004; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary leadership steered the nonprofit through myriad changes, helping it to grow from its infancy in the early 1990s into the substantial and forward-looking organization it is today; and

WHEREAS, a native of Alabama, Dr. Mike Browder holds degrees from Auburn University and the University of Alabama and earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Dr. Browder became Chief Executive Officer of Bristol Tennessee Electric System; and

WHEREAS, a tireless advocate for the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence at the local, state, and national level, Dr. Browder has encouraged countless businesses and individuals to become TNCPE members, applicants, and examiners, including more than one-third of the workforce at Bristol Tennessee Essential Services; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the company's outstanding commitment to TNCPE, Bristol Tennessee Essential Services received the Excellence Award in 1994, the organization's highest honor; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Browder has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of those fortunate enough to know him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mike Browder exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; his dedication to his profession and to the good people of this State is unparalleled; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. R. Michael "Mike" Browder for his outstanding career as a business leader and public servant, congratulate him upon his receipt of

the Ned R. McWherter Leadership Award as presented by the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.